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REPORT OF THE DRAFTING GROUP TO THE PLENARY

Least developed countries

The Governing Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 45/206 of 21 December 1990 and 46/156 of 19 December 1991 on the Paris Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s and its implementation,

Stressing the importance of full and effective implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in order to give the least developed countries the prospect of sustained and sustainable development,

Noting with concern the further deterioration of the socio-economic situation of the least developed countries,

Welcoming the increased concentration of the indicative planning figure resources of the United Nations Development Programme on the least developed countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Administrator on the least developed countries (DP/1993/18);

2. Endorses the priorities identified by the Administrator to assist in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, namely, aid coordination and economic management and human development;

3. Stresses the need and importance of strengthening the national capacities of the least developed countries;

4. Requests the Administrator to strengthen further the efforts of the United Nations Development Programme addressed to the special needs and priorities of the least developed countries, particularly in the fields of environment and poverty alleviation;

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5. Invites the United Nations Development Programme to contribute in the forging of stronger links between national and global follow-up of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries by further enhancing its collaboration with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

6. Requests the Administrator to take into account the additions to the list of least developed countries;

7. Also requests the United Nations Development Programme to assist in providing the necessary support to the preparations for the mid-term review in 1995 of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries, and in mobilizing funding for the participation of least developed countries;

8. Recalls paragraph five on the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries of its decision 91/16 of 25 June 1991 on least developed countries; and reiterates its appeal to all countries in a position to do so to continue to support least developed countries through other facilities of the United Nations Development Programme focusing on the needs of least developed countries, such as the United Nations Capital Development Fund and others, including trust funds and cost-sharing arrangements;

9. Requests the Administrator to strengthen the overall capacity of the United Nations Development Programme, including the role of its focal point, to deal with the needs of the least developed countries in line with the recommendation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries;

10. Also requests the Administrator to inform the Governing Council at its forty-second session (1995) of specific measures that the United Nations Development Programme has taken to address the special needs and priorities of the least developed countries in line with paragraph 4 of its decision 91/16.